

Karivieri:

Have journalists solved the UFO-problem?

In the magazine Uusi Maailma (Sept. 2, 1971) there was an UFO-article by Heikki Kekkonen and Joni Skiftesvik. The reader who does not have much knowledge of these things can come to the same conclusion as the writers of this article: that the UFO-problem could be solved with only one hypothesis. But the matter is not that easy. The UFO forms do not transform into vapor and the "straw hat" shown by the infra- and UV-films do not turn into an electronic ring circling around the atomic nucleus. But the writers of the article are right in stressing the importance of the ground. I have myself stressed that the reason for the great number of UFO phenomena in Pudasjärvi must be in the ground, in the magnetic field or some other factor having the same influence. A suitable photographic method has been invented. The camera is not any longer directed only towards the sky. 2/3 of the Pudasjärvi phenomena are part of a light phenomena which move slowly and close to the ground. The rest are of various nature and rather belong to the classical "flying saucers" for instance the "straw hats". The photographic method developed for this purpose shows the light areas of the electromagnetic spectre. The picture in the UM shows how an UFO above the hill forms a field below. Probably some shorter light wave has emerged from the UFO and in the air stratum and on the ground this has been refracted.

Aimo Viento has stated that all the UFO-phenomena in Pudasjärvi can be explained by uranium theories. But we turn the question upside down and ask: Do UFO's seek radioactive diffusion products?

Viento has a sensitive method for establishing active gas emerging from the ground. It can be gas but also some kind of radiation. Further investigations can clarify the matter. As a whole the UM article brings something new. There the UFO-viewers are not called mad but UFO-invalids. Using the same logic the people who are seized by explanation hysteria can be called brain-invalids.

The Pudasjärvi UFO-field has given the investigators new methods for approaching the problem.

Sights in Finland

A woman from Jyväskylä tells the following:

On March 7 at 2 AM I rose from bed as usually to limber my hurt leg. In our drawing room the whole wall to the west is a window, the view from it is wide, the wood does not start until about a kilometer away. A light struck my eyes and from the window I saw on the right side, in the southwest above the wood a huge, oval fire-colored "object" which brightened up the whole surrounding - it seemed that its light came also from between the branches in the wood. After having watched it for about 15 minutes I saw how a fire-colored object, a little smaller than a football was approaching quickly and with an even pace. It flew close under the still standing oval object, then it stopped and its color changed to bright red. A little later it moved still closer to the oval object then it flew back in the same direction from which it had come, and now its color was as before. The same movements were repeated several times, the small object flew to the right, came back under the bigger object, rose higher and returned to the right (I could not see where). A little later I saw a great light, and then an object moving from the left resembling the object from the right. The two now both met under the bigger object and then returned in their own directions. After this the object from the right was continuing its movements for about 2 hours. The big object remained visible for one hour more. At 5 o'clock it was still in the same place but now color had faded a lot and it seemed to be farther away.

In the morning I called a newspaper in Jyväskylä about this but they showed no interest saying that they had received many calls concerning UFO-sights.

UFO in Vehmaa?

This took place on the night between July 15-16, 1971. Pekka Siitoin tells the following: I slept with my wife in one room while my three children were sleeping in the other room, outside was a balcony. I woke about 1-2 AM and heard voices talking hard, it seemed that some small quarrel was going on. The voices talked some foreign language which did

not resemble any language I know. I thought that the children were talking in their sleep so I continued my sleep. After a while I woke up again hearing the same voices. I went into the children's room and noticed that the voices came from the roof behind the balcony. I was very tired so I went back to sleep without finding out more. Then I woke a third time finding that the air was stuff and that my 5 year-old son was vomitting. Also my wife woke feeling sick. In the morning all of my family was feeling sick. When I told my experience to people, many of them felt sure that there had been UFOS on my roof or balcony.

Circles in Puotila, Helsinki

The following facts could be established:

- all other vegetation had died in the circle except the mushrooms
- on the borders of the outermost circle grew big brownish mushrooms (diameter: 43 cm)
- diameter of outermost circle: 5.70-6.30 m, width: 60 cm
- the following circle was 10 cm inward, width 30 cm, not as clear as the outermost
- the innermost circle 10 cm inward, width 10-15 cm, very unclear
- in the middle of the circles and between them the vegetation was much more fertile and darker than outside them
- there is an electric line over the trace

So far radiation investigations have not been made.

Circles found earlier also in Vilppula. Every summer there has been a new circle outside the old.

A new theory

I told this case to Toivo Rautavaara - an expert on mushrooms. He said that the cause of these circled probably was mushrooms called Clitocybe

Gicante. It is rare in Finland and does not appear annually. The trace which it leaves behind is called Fairyring. This mushroom:

- fights for nutrition and moisture and probably some antibiotic emerges from it because it kills surface vegetation.
- it forms a round circle if there is no hindrance
- it gives the ground nitrogen (this is the reason for the lush vegetation and the dark color)
- the mushrooms collect e.g. potassium
- the electric line in Puotila is probably sheer chance

New questions

The foregoing does not exclude the fact that an UFO might have been part of the reason for the trace in Vilppula. At present it seems that the mushroom is the reason but I cannot figure out where the mushroom come from and why it is so rare, though it is strong. (Timo Pyhälä)